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Applicant : Ann M. Lees et al. Art Unit : 1653
Serial No. : 10/671,242 Examiner : R. Mitra
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Title : NOVEL LOW DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN BINDING PROTEINS AND THEIR
USE IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING ATHEROSCLEROSIS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 16, 2005, applicants elect the invention of Group III, drawn to the embodiment of claims 25-36. Applicants also elect an "antibody" as the "candidate agent." The election is made with traverse.

It is applicants' understanding that the election of a single "candidate agent" is merely a species election and that the remaining species (i.e., other than the elected "antibody" species) will be examined upon the allowance of a generic claim (claim 25).

Applicants request that Group IV (claims 37-40) also be examined in the present application. All of the claims of Group IV depend from and merely provide further limitations to claims within elected Group III. As a result of this relationship, the claims of Group III and Group IV should be examined in the same application.

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Enclosed is a Petition for two Month Extension of Time and a check for the extension of time fee. Please apply any other charges (or credits) to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 10797-004006.

Respectfully submitted,

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